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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN**

Title VII is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**1 SEC. 734. STUDY AND REPORT ON RETENTION OF MILITARY
2 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense, in consulta-
4 tion with the Surgeon General of each branch of the
5 Armed Services, shall conduct a study to determine the
6 reasons for attrition among military mental health profes-
7 sionals and to make recommendations to increase recruit-
8 ment and retention of military mental health profes-
9 sionals, such as through scholarships, loan forgiveness, or
10 updates in current recruiting bonuses.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
13 shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted
14 and recommendations made under subsection (a), includ-
15 ing—

16 (1) the cost of implementing each such rec-
17 ommendation;

18 (2) with respect to each branch of the Armed
19 Services, an estimate of the existing number of mili-

1 tary mental health professionals and the estimated
2 number of such professionals required to meet de-
3 mand, including for future years, for mental health
4 services; and

5 (3) any recommendations for legislative changes
6 necessary to implement the recommendations made
7 under such study.

8 (c) **MILITARY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DE-**
9 **FINED.**—For purposes of this section, the term “military
10 mental health professional” means a mental health profes-
11 sional who provides mental health services to members of
12 the Armed Forces, whether such professional is a member
13 of the Armed Forces, employee of the Department of De-
14 fense, or contractor with such Department.

